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APPLICANTS: Orbanes et al.
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PLATES IN VIRTUAL SPACE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

Please make the following changes before examining the patent application identified above.

In the Specification:

On page 1, lines 5- 10, please change the paragraph entitled "Cross-
Reference to Related Applications" to read as follows:

31 This application claims priority to U.S. provisional applications Serial No. 60/182,326,
filed February 14, 2000, Serial No. 60/182,368, filed February 14, 2000, Serial No. 60/240,287,
filed October 13, 2000 and Serial No. 60/249,417, filed November 16, 2000. These co-pending
applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. The Amendment adds the
serial number of the fourth provisional application, which had been previously referenced by